

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 13-14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 5(a)-5(e) are is-a-views showing a process of manufacturing the nozzle plate;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 15-17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 6(a)-6(c) are views ~~is-a-view~~ showing another process of manufacturing the nozzle plate, particularly, illustrating a masking step of charging each nozzle hole with a resist; .

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 18-21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 7(a)-7(d) are views ~~is-a-view~~ showing still another process of manufacturing the nozzle plate, particularly, illustrating an irradiating step of irradiating a portion of anon-wetting layer which portion covers an inner surface of each nozzle hole;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 4-5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 11(a)-11(d) are views ~~is-a-view~~ showing a process of manufacturing the nozzle plate of Fig. 9; and

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 6-7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 12(a)-12(e) are views ~~is-a-view~~ showing a process of manufacturing a nozzle plate according to a third embodiment of the invention.